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LESSONS IN TOWN BUILDING.

Six months ago several public spirited ladies of Port Townsend organized a civic club. The object of the society was the beautifying and improving of the city. After the first half year of active work the membership numbers over 300 ladies, and many of the representative men, who are accepted as honorary members. The organization has succeeded in buying and paying for a public park. This has been cleared and partly planted to trees and shrubs. The streets have been cleaned and walks repaired. School grounds have been beautified and made more home-like.

To commemorate the excellent work of six months the ladies held a festival of three days. They point with much pride to the results of organization in behalf of the town. They have changed the theories about everybody's business being nobody's affairs and shown that the people must be interested before any radical changes can be made in municipal matters. They have demonstrated that a city can be kept clean and free from epidemics and contagious diseases by proper methods. Their city has become a model and for this reason they are ready to make merry.

A modern city cannot be built up without giving attention to the details of minor conveniences, says the Post-Intelligencer. The streets may be graded and lack in suitable crossings and walks or have not the needed drinking fountains. Public alleys in the business centers will be receptacles for trash and disease germs if not kept clean. It is the work of the societies to look after those public matters. The ladies are not meddling with affairs that properly belong to the municipal directors, but rather acting as supplemental powers in cleaning and beautifying the town.

The lesson of Port Townsend should be carried home to every city in this state. A clean city means healthy children and contented men and more patriotic women. No family can be happy when sickness continues in the home year after year. Unclean cities produce various diseases that rob the families of their peace and money. Scavengers of the streets are as much necessary as gulls of the seas. Every disease-breeding pool and alley should be cleaned and purified. Let other cities study the civic lessons.

MONEY QUESTION SETTLED.

One of the most interesting developments of the present campaign is the statement of Mr. Bryan that the money question—the effort in behalf of silver—is temporarily settled. Mr. Bryan says the law of supply has for the time put the silver issue in the background, but that, whenever there again becomes a scarcity of money, it will be revived. The current issue of the Commoner contains the following reference to the matter, under the heading, "Silver Democrats Vindicated." As giving an idea of the position of the silver element, it will prove of interest:

"While the money question is not an issue in the present campaign, both Parker and Roosevelt being for gold, the silver democrats can insist that their position has been vindicated and that the question has decreased in importance only because an unexpected increase in the volume of money has raised prices and brought in part what bimetalism would have brought in a larger measure. The present situation can be illustrated as follows: Suppose the democrats of a city believed the water supply to be insufficient, pointed to a lake nearby, called silver lake, and proposed that an additional supply be brought from that source. Suppose the republicans objected on the ground that the water supply was sufficient and carried the election. Then suppose a spring burst forth in the center of the city supplying half as much water as the city used before; and suppose that all the people rejoiced in the additional supply and benefited by it—who would say that the republicans were vindicated? To be consistent republicans would have to favor plugging up the spring and returning to the quantity in use before the spring appeared.

"This describes what has happened in the financial world. The democrats contended that more money was needed and pointed to the silver reservoir as the only available source from which to draw money. The republicans insisted that we had money enough, but soon after the election new gold mines

were found and from that and other sources the volume of money has been increased until we now have about 50 per cent more than we had in 1896 and everybody is glad. Who have been vindicated, those who said we needed more money or those who said we had enough and now boast of the unexpected increase? To be consistent the republicans ought to propose to retire the increase and go back to the amount we had in 1896. The money question will again receive attention when the demand for money overtakes the supply, but the quantitative theory has triumphed."

CURING CANCER.

So many announcements of the discovery of a successful method of treating malignant tumors has proven erroneous and disappointing that every fresh one is received by medical men with great caution. Such is the attitude which the profession has assumed in regard to Dr. Doyen, who talked about his own system to the Paris Academy of Medicine last week. Owing to the apparent increase in the prevalence of cancer in the United States and Europe, any real improvement in coping with the evil is not likely to be ignored; but every new remedy must be judged by its results. Now, no one is in a better position to put Dr. Doyen's work in a favorable light than himself, and the statistics which he is able to present can hardly be called encouraging. Out of 216 cases which he has treated he pretends to have effected cures in only 42. He pronounces 128 of them failures, and the other 46 are still under observation.

A proposition was made to his hearers by Dr. Doyen which certainly ought to throw more light on the subject. He asks to have his serum tested, either in hospitals or private practice, by other physicians, and the appointment of a committee to conduct the experiments has been authorized. Perhaps his own claims, which are extremely modest, will be confirmed, and perhaps they will not. A somewhat similar trial was given in England last winter to the anti-toxin of a German specialist, Dr. Otto Schmidt. The latter had declared that in almost every one of 29 cases in which his remedy was employed the condition of the patient was materially bettered. An English physician, Johnson, had some faith in the serum, in consequence of watching two of these cases, but another one, named Power, also tried it in three cases, and declared that it proved of no service whatever. Schmidt was still further discredited a few months later by the experts for whose work provision is made by the British Cancer Research Fund. They can find no evidence that there is a special parasite of cancer, though the German acts upon the supposition that there is one and that he has been able to find it. Whether Dr. Doyen's anti-toxin is manufactured on the same plan is not clear; nor is it evident that the English investigators intended to disparage him. Nevertheless, until he can obtain corroborative testimony from his fellow-countrymen—as he may possibly do within a year—it would be foolish to base much hope on his representations.

Dr. W. T. Belfield, of Chicago, recently delivered an address to the members of the Chicago Women's Aid in Sinai temple and this address will be interesting to men and women everywhere and will undoubtedly be with many of the so-called stronger sex. "In the lower organisms," said the lecturer, "the female eats the male. A little higher up in the scale of evolution the female discovers that the male can work and supply her with food, while she reproduces the species. As a worker the male developed certain qualities unknown to the female—qualities that are specially developed in the very highest animals, the human race. But the female remains, even in the human species, as the conserved of the race and the depositor of all the virtues that render society possible and that perpetuate human culture."

A tramp who wrecked a trolley car in Atlanta has been sent to the Georgia penitentiary for life. Now for the negligent employe on steam roads, and give President Hill an opportunity to revise his statement that public negligence in prosecuting the negligent employe is the fruitful cause of accidents.

There might be a good fighting chance in Wisconsin, as Mr. Taggart says there is, if the democratic party in the Badger state was of fighting size.

Can it be possible that General Funston, in recommending an increase of 5 per cent in the pay of army officers, wants to get into the swim again?

Mrs. Maybrick's denials of intentions to become an actress will never be fully credited until she goes on the stage.

The maker of the campaign button is about as busy as a tailor would be in an Igorrote village.

The official starter seems to have had trouble in getting the Baltic fleet up to the tape.

Mr. Bryan is the chunk of iron in the Taggartonian life preserver.

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Notice of Primary Election.

Notice is hereby given that a primary election for the republican party will be held in the city of Astoria, Oregon, Saturday, November 5, 1904, between the hours of 12 m. and 5 p. m. of said day, for the purpose of electing thirty-six (36) delegates to a

republican city convention, hereinafter designated, which said delegates are apportioned as follows, to-wit:

First Ward—12 delegates.
Second Ward—12 delegates.
Third Ward—12 delegates.
The following polling places and judges for said primary election have been selected:

First Ward—Polling place, courthouse; judges of election, S. G. Trullinger, P. J. Goodman, J. A. Montgomery.

Second Ward—Polling place, office of C. E. Foster, 694 Commercial street; judges of election, James W. Welch, C. E. Foster and B. A. Eigner.

Third Ward—Polling place, office of Astoria Box Company; judges of election, Gust Holmes, Iver Anderson, W. T. Scholfield.

Furthermore, notice is hereby given that a republican city convention will be held at the court house in the city of Astoria, Oregon, on Wednesday, November 9, 1904, at the hour of 2 p. m., for the purpose of nominating candidates for the following city offices to be elected at the city election on Wednesday, December 14, 1904:

One city attorney, for a term of two years.
One councilman from the Second

ward, for a term of three years.
One councilman from the Third ward, for a term of three years.

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